

- 61. The composition of claim 60 wherein said composition is in the form of a gel.
- 62. The composition of claim 60 wherein said composition is in the form of fibers.
- 63. The composition of claim 60 wherein said composition is in the form of a membrane.
- 64. The composition of claim 60 wherein said composition is in the form of a foam.
- 65. The composition of claim 60, further comprising a drug dispersed within said composition.
- 66. The composition of claim 65 wherein said drug is chosen from the group consisting of proteins, biopolymers, and biologically compatible synthetic polymers.
- 67. The composition of claim 60 wherein said polyanionic polysaccharides are chosen from the group consisting of carboxymethylcellulose, carboxymethylamylose, hyaluronic acid, chondroitin-6-sulfate, dermatin sulfate, heparin and heparin sulfate.
- 68. The composition of claim 60 wherein said polyanionic polysaccharide is hyaluronic acid.
- 69. The composition of claim 60 wherein said polyanionic polysaccharide is carboxymethylcellulose.
- 70. The composition of claim 60 wherein said polyanionic polysaccharide is carboxymethylamylose.
- 71. The composition of claim 60 wherein two of said polyanionic polysaccharides are hyaluronic acid and carboxymethylcellulose.
- 72. The composition of claim 60 wherein said nucleophile is chosen from the group consisting of an amino acid amide, a monofunctional amine, an amino acid ester, an

amino alcohol, an amino thiol, an amino phenol, an amino catechol, an amino acid, a salt of an amino acid, a peptide, and a protein.

--73. The composition of claim 60 further comprising a protein dispersed within said composition.

--74. The composition of claim 60 wherein said modifying compound is chosen from the group consisting of 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate, 1-hydroxybenzotriazole monohydrate, N-hydroxysulfosuccinimide, N-hydroxysuccinimide, 4-nitrophenol, 2-nitrophenol, 4-nitrothiophenol, 2-nitrothiophenol, pentachlorophenol, pentafluorophenol, imidazole, tetrazole, and 4-dimethylaminopyridine.

--75. The composition of claim 60 wherein said activating agent comprises a carbodiimide.

--76. The composition of claim 75 wherein said carbodiimide comprises 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl) carbodiimide, or 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl) carbodiimide methiodide.

REMARKS

The present application is a continuation of USSN 07/833,973 filed on February 11, 1992. The parent application is a continuation-in-part application of USSN 07/703,254 filed on May 20, 1991, which is a continuation-in-part application of USSN 07/543,163 filed on June 25, 1990 now U.S. Patent No. 5,017,229; which is a continuation-in-part application of USSN 07/100,104, filed September 18, 1987 now U.S. Patent No. 4,937,270.

It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this preliminary amendment and that each of the claims are fully supported by and readily apparent from specification of the present application.